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Site:	Silresim
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Date:	

August 22, 1983

CERTIFIED MAIL--RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Silresim Chemical Corporation hazardous waste facility in Lowell,
Massachusetts

Dear :

This letter is to notify you of liability which your company may incur or may have incurred in connection with the Silresim Chemical Corporation hazardous waste facility in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has documented that actual releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants have occurred and are occurring at the above-referenced site. EPA is expending public funds in measures to investigate and control these releases. The measures currently in progress include the following: removal and proper disposal of all tanks and structures on-site; installation of a temporary impermeable cap over contaminated areas to mitigate off-site migration of contaminated materials; securing the site from public entry; conducting a detailed site investigation to determine the nature and extent of on- and off-site subsurface contamination; and conducting a feasibility study to evaluate possible remedial alternatives for containment, removal, or treatment of the soil and/or groundwater if it is found to be contaminated. These EPA response measures are in addition to the measures undertaken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which are described in its enclosed letter. These activities have been undertaken by EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq. (CERCLA). At the conclusion of these activities, EPA will design and implement the remedial alternatives recommended by the feasibility study, unless EPA determines that such action will be done properly by a responsible party.

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Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and past owners or operators, and persons who generated the substances or who were involved in transport, treatment, or disposal of them at the site. Under CERCLA and other laws, responsible parties may be liable for money expended by the United States government to take necessary corrective action at the site, including investigation, planning, cleanup measures, and enforcement. In addition, responsible parties may be liable for expenditures incurred by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) as discussed in the enclosed letter from the Commonwealth.

EPA's review of records from the Silresim facility covering the period from 1971 through 1978 indicates that your company may be a responsible party with respect to that site. As such, EPA and DEQE desire to negotiate with your company and with other responsible parties to reach a resolution of the site cleanup expenditures incurred by the respective agencies to date. In addition, before EPA undertakes the design and implementation of the remedial alternative recommended by the feasibility study, we wish to discuss your company's voluntary participation, with other responsible parties, in the measures necessary to remedy the problems presented by the hazardous substances at Silresim. We will be prepared to consider the possibility of responsible parties participating in the remedial actions that will begin in the Spring of 1984 upon completion of the feasibility study.

To initiate negotiations about past state and federal cleanup expenditures and about the possible involvement of responsible parties in further response activities, EPA and DEQE will conduct a joint meeting with responsible parties on September 21, 1983, at 9:00 am, in New England Life Hall, 225 Clarendon Street in Boston. At this meeting, a presentation will be given of the existing knowledge about site conditions and of the response activities that have been taken to date. In addition, a structure will be proposed for negotiations to resolve the potential liabilities of responsible parties on the site. Because of the large number of potentially responsible parties, EPA will not negotiate with individual persons or companies, but will ask the responsible parties to appoint a committee to represent them in negotiations. At this initial meeting, the identities of parties who received notice letters will be made available to participants in the meeting in order to facilitate the formation of such a committee.

Please notify EPA in writing, no later than thirty (30) days from receipt of this letter, whether your company would be willing to engage in negotiations addressing these issues. Your letter should include the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate company official for further contact on this matter. If your company is already involved in discussions with state or local authorities, these discussions should be continued and their status reported to EPA in your letter.

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In addition to the response requested above, we hereby request, pursuant to CERCLA S104(e), 42 U.S.C. S9604(e), that you furnish EPA, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, with any information and copies of all records in your possession regarding any hazardous substances, as defined in CERCLA S104, 42 U.S.C. S9601, that your company has stored, treated, disposed of, generated, transported, or otherwise handled, at or in connection with the Silresim site, covering the period from 1971 through 1978.

Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 42 U.S.C. S6927, provides that "any person who generates, stores, treats, transports, disposes of, or otherwise handles, or who has handled hazardous wastes (as defined in RCRA S1004(5), 42 U.S.C. S6903(5)) shall...furnish information relating to such wastes". Failure to comply with a request under section 3007 may subject the violator to penalties under section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. S6928, of up to \$25,000 a day for each day of continued non-compliance. EPA hereby requests, pursuant to RCRA S3007, that you furnish EPA, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, with any information and copies of all records relating to hazardous wastes that your company generated, transported, stored, treated, disposed of, or otherwise handled, at or in connection with the Silresim facility, covering the period from 1971 through 1978.

You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested by this letter, in the manner described by 40 C.F.R. S2.203(b), 41 Fed. Reg. 36907 (September 1, 1976). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and only by means of, the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, 41 Fed. Reg. 36906-36918 (September 1, 1976). If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you. You should read the above-cited regulations carefully before asserting a business confidentiality claim, since certain categories of information are not properly the subject of such a claim.

This information request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. S3501 et seq.

All responses to this letter should be directed to:

E. Michael Thomas, Attorney
EPA Office of Regional Counsel
JFK Federal Bldg., Rm. 2203
Boston, MA 02203

If you need further information, Mr. Thomas can be reached by telephone at (617) 223-0400. If no written response is received by Mr. Thomas within the 30-day response period, we will assume that your company does not wish to negotiate a resolution of its potential liabilities in connection with the Silresim site and that your company has declined to undertake voluntary participation in further response activities at the site. Please be advised that your response to the information

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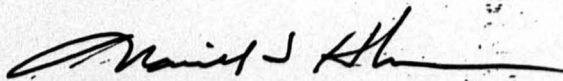
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request will be required within the 30-day response period even if you do not wish to participate in the negotiations described above.

Sincerely,



Merrill S. Hohman, Director
Waste Management Division

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Certified

cc: Regional Counsel, Region I
Director, EPA Office of Emergency and Remedial Response
Director, EPA Office of Waste Programs Enforcement
EPA Office of Enforcement Counsel
United States Department of Justice
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering
Lee Breckenridge, Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General

CONCUR:

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REGISTRATION FORM
SILRESIM SITE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 1983
NEW ENGLAND LIFE HALL, BOSTON, MA

* EACH REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR COMPANY SHOULD BRING A SEPARATE COMPLETED COPY OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SEPTEMBER 21, MEETING, FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION AS WELL AS TO SPEED THE REGISTRATION PROCESS. PLEASE ALSO INDICATE WHO SHOULD SERVE AS THE CONTACT FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF THIS MATTER.

* IF NO REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR CORPORATION IS GOING TO BE PRESENT PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED FORM BY SEPTEMBER 19, TO:

MICHAEL THOMAS, ATTORNEY
EPA, OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL
JFK FEDERAL BUILDING, RM. 2203
BOSTON, MA 02203

CORPORATION: _____

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
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* FUTURE CONTACT PERSON AT YOUR COMPANY

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INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: NANCY PILIGIAN, EPA

DATE: OCTOBER 4, 1983

FROM: DAN SANDHAUS, NUS

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SUBJECT: NOTICE LETTER MAILING - AUGUST 22, 1983 - SILRESIM GENERATORS
TDD No. 8303-03
NUS Job No. 3269 05 01
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On August 22, 1983, notice letters were sent to the following companies:

1. Abcor
2. Adcole Inc.
3. Advance Coatings Company
4. Advent Corporation
5. Allied Chemical
6. Alto-Tronics Corporation
7. Altron Corporation
8. American Cyanamid Co.
9. American Finish & Chemical Co.
10. American Optical Corporation
11. American Power Devices Inc.
12. Amicon Corporation
13. Anson, Inc.
14. Arrow Automatics
15. Arrowhead Enterprises Inc.
16. Artisan Industries Inc.
17. Astro Circuit Corporation
18. Atkins & Merrill
19. Atlantic Tubing & Rubber Company
20. Augat, Inc.
21. Avco Everett Research Laboratory, Inc.
22. Axton-Cross Company
23. B F Goodrich Chemical Division
24. Bacon Industries, Inc.
25. Badger Research Lab
26. Barclay Chemical
27. BASF Systems
28. Battenberg Laboratories, Inc.
29. Belcher New England (Union Oil)
30. Bellofram Corporation
31. Benzenoid Organics, Inc.
32. Bio-Research Consultants, Inc.
33. Black & Decker
34. BLH Electronics, Inc.
35. Borden & Remington

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36. Borden Inc./Chemical Division
37. Bostik Division
38. Boston City Hospital
39. Boston Insulated Wire & Cable
40. Brand-Rex Company
41. Bridgeport Machine
42. Burgess Leather Co.
43. C. F. Jameson & Co., Inc.
44. Cambridge Memories, Inc.
45. Cambridge Thermionic Corporation
46. Capitol Circuits Corp.
47. Capitol Magnetic
48. Capitol Molding
49. Carlisle Screw Corp.
50. Casco Chemical Co., Inc.
51. CBS
52. Centronics Data Computer Corporation
53. Chemical Applications
54. Ciba-Geigy Corp.
55. Circuit Service
56. Circuit Wise Inc.
57. Circuits Inc.
58. Clean Way Industries, Inc.
59. Columbia Bag & Belt
60. Columbia Equipment Co., Inc.
61. Columbia Magnetics Corp.
62. Columbus Coated Fabrics Company
63. Commonwealth Chemical Corp.
64. Compugraphic Corporation
65. Conductor Labs
66. Consolidated Metal Fin.
67. Container Service Inc.
68. Contherm Corp.
69. Copolymer Rubber & Chemical Corporation
70. Corning Components
71. Coulter Information Systems
72. Craig Systems Corp.
73. Dante, Inc.
74. Dapol Plastics
75. Data Electronics Corporation
76. Data General Corporation
77. David Clark Company Incorporated
78. Davidson Rubber Company Incorporated
79. Defiance Circuit Corp.
80. Delta Electronic Mfg. Corp.
81. Di-An Controls, Inc.
82. Diaphragm Industries

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83. Digital Equipment Corporation
84. Doe & Ingalls Inc.
85. Dow Corning Corporation
86. Dow Industrial Service
87. Dwight R. Judson Co.
88. Dymo Graphic Systems, Inc.
89. Dynatech Corporation
90. E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & Company Incorporated
91. Eastern Lacquer Corp.
92. Eastman Kodak
93. Eastprint, Inc.
94. ECC Corporation
95. EG & G Inc.
96. Electro Signal Lab, Inc.
97. Electrodyne
98. Electronic Products Inc.
99. Electronic Corporation of America
100. Emhart Corporation, Hardware Division
101. Energy Resources Company Inc.
102. Engelhard Minerals & Chemicals Corporation
103. Ericon
104. Esselte Meto (Dymo Retail Systems Inc.)
105. Essex Gas Company (Haverhill Gas Company)
106. Exide Safety Systems Division/ESB Incorporated
107. Fabris Research Labs, Inc.
108. Fairchild Semiconductor
A Division of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation
109. Farrell Chemical Corporation
110. Fenwal Incorporated
111. Ferrofluidics Corporation
112. Fish Chemical
113. Foster Grant Co., Inc.
114. Freekote (Contour Chemical Company)
115. G & R Screw Machine
116. GAF
117. Gamewell Systems
118. Gar Doc
119. General Chemical Corp.
120. General Electric Company
121. General Latex and Chemical Corporation
122. General Scanning
123. Geochem
124. Geonetics
125. George Demairais
126. George Mann & Co., Inc.
127. Gescar (George S. Carrington Company)
128. Germanium Power Devices Corp.

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129. GHZ Devices Inc.
130. Globe (Lenco Testing Co.)
131. Gordon Industries
132. Gould, Inc., Circuit Protection Division
133. Greenfield Components Corporation
134. GTE Sylvania Incorporated
135. Haartz-Mason, Inc.
136. Hadco Printed Circuits
137. Halliburton Company
138. Hamblet & Hayes Co.
139. Hanscom AFB
140. Hartford Hospital
141. Hartford Bering Co. (Hartford Precision Products)
142. Hermetite Corporation
143. Hewlett Packard
144. Hitchner Manufacturing Company, Inc.
145. Holden Sanitation
146. Honeywell Corp.
147. Hurley Packaging Corporation
148. Hybrid Systems Corporation
149. IBM
150. Icon Corporation
151. Imlac Corporation
152. Industrial Blast Coil Corp.
153. Industrial Solid State Controls
154. Inforex Corp.
155. Infrared Industries, Inc.
156. Interex Corporation
157. Ionics, Incorporated
158. Itek Optical Systems
159. ITT Semiconductors
160. J.H. Winn Inc.
161. Janco Sales, Inc.
162. Jerguson Gage & Valve Co.
163. John Danais Co., Inc.
164. Keefe Environmental Services
165. Keene Corporation, Chase-Foster Division
166. Kenics Corporation
167. Kingston Steel Drum Co., Inc.
168. Kollsman Instrument Company
169. KSC Semi-Conductor
170. Kytron Circuits Corp.
171. Lepage's Incorporated
172. Lewis Chemical Corp.
173. Liquidator
174. Loch Ness Corporation (Anderson Corp.)

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175. Lowell Shoe Co.
176. Madico, Inc.
177. Marisol Corp.
178. Marlboro Wire
179. Mass Disposal
180. McArthur Chemical Co. Ltd.
181. Mearthane Products Corporation
182. Merrimack Industrial Finishers
183. Micro-Bit Corporation
184. Microfab Inc.
185. Miljo Corporation
186. Millipore Corporation
187. MKS Instruments
188. Mobil Oil - Carteret, NJ
189. Mobil Tyco Solar Energy Corporation
190. Monsanto
191. Montvale Laboratories Inc.
192. Multi Circuits
193. N.A.E. Corp.
194. Navtec, Inc.
195. Nashua Corporation
196. National Cash Register
197. National Heel Company, Inc.
198. National Oil Service
199. Neico Microwave Company
200. New England Chemical Company
201. New England Medical Center Hospitals
202. New England Nuclear Corporation and Subsidiaries
203. Norris Industries
204. Northeast Lab & Machine Co.
205. Northeast Oil Service
206. Nyanza Inc.
207. Ohmtec Corporation
208. Omni Spectra
209. Package Chemical Co., Inc.
210. Painting Specialists, Inc.
211. Pandel-Bradford Inc.
212. Parkwood Laminates, Inc.
213. Parlex Corporation
214. Permuthane (United Finish Company)
215. Pervel Industries
216. Pete's Trucking
217. Pfizer Inc.
218. Pierce Bros. Oil Service
219. Polaroid Corp.
220. Portsmouth Navy Yard
221. Precision Screening Inc.

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- 222. Prevue Products, Inc.
- 223. Prince Packaging Corp.
- 224. Protective Materials Co.
- 225. Pyrotex Corp.
- 226. Quality Coatings (Quality Enamel)
- 227. Raymark (Raybestos)
- 228. Raytheon Company
- 229. RCA
- 230. Recycling Industries
- 231. Reed & Prince Mfg., Co.
- 232. Rosenthal Technics (Metalized Ceramics)
- 233. Royal Label Co.
- 234. Royce Aluminum Corporation
- 235. Rule Industries
- 236. S.D. Warren Company
- 237. Saco Tanning Co.
- 238. Samson Oil Service
- 239. Sanders Associates Inc.
- 240. Scott Graphics
- 241. Searle Labs
- 242. Semicon, Inc.
- 243. Semiconductor Processing., Inc.
- 244. Sempco, Inc.
- 245. Sigma Instruments Inc.
- 246. Silicon Transistor Corporation
- 247. Simonds Cutting Tools (Simonds Saw & Steel Co.)
- 248. Simplex Time Recorder Co.
- 249. Simplex Wire and Cable Company
- 250. Spire Corp. (Simulation Physics)
- 251. Smith's Transfer Corporation
- 252. Solvent Chemical Co., Inc.
- 253. Spectrowax Corp.
- 254. Sprague Electric Co.
- 255. St. Regis Paper Co.
- 256. Stanley Door Operating Equipment
- 257. Star Chemical, Inc.
- 258. Stohler Chemicals
- 259. Strem Chemicals Inc.
- 260. Styletek, Inc.
- 261. Suffolk Services, Inc.
- 262. Suffolk University
- 263. Suisman and Blumenthal, Inc.
- 264. Synthetic Laboratories
- 265. Tau-Tron Inc.
- 266. Teledyne Crystalonics
- 267. Teledyne Philbrick

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- 268. Teradyne Components, Inc.
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- 270. Texas Instruments Incorporated
- 271. The Dow Chemical Company
- 272. The Gillette Company
- 273. The Presmet Corp.
- 274. The Sibley Company
- 275. Thompson Tool Co. (Thompson Co.)
- 276. TNCO
- 277. Torque Systems Incorporated
- 278. Towle Manufacturing Company
- 279. Trans World Adhesives
- 280. Transcom Electronics
- 281. Transitron Electronic Corporation
- 282. Travis Labs
- 283. Trombetta, Inc.
- 284. Unitrode Computer Products Corp.
- 285. Universal Chemtronics Inc.
- 286. University of New Hampshire
- 287. Upaco Adhesives
- 288. U.S. Chemical Corp.
- 289. USM Corporation
- 290. USM Corporation
- 291. Varian Associates
- 292. Ventron Corporation
- 293. Vistron Corp.
- 294. Vulcan Corp.
- 295. W.H. Nichols Company
- 296. W.R. Grace
- 297. W.W. & C.F. Tucker Inc.
- 298. Waldoroth Label Corp.
- 299. Wallace-Murray Corp.
- 300. Warner & Swasey Co.
- 301. Waters Associates, Inc.
- 302. Watts Regulator Co.
- 303. Welum Fabricating
- 304. Western Electric
- 305. Weymouth Art Leather Company
- 306. Wingersheek Turbine Co.
- 307. Worcester Stamp Co.

Copies of these letters and certified mail receipts are already in your possession.

DJS/nla

Attachment: Copy of letter dated August 22, 1983